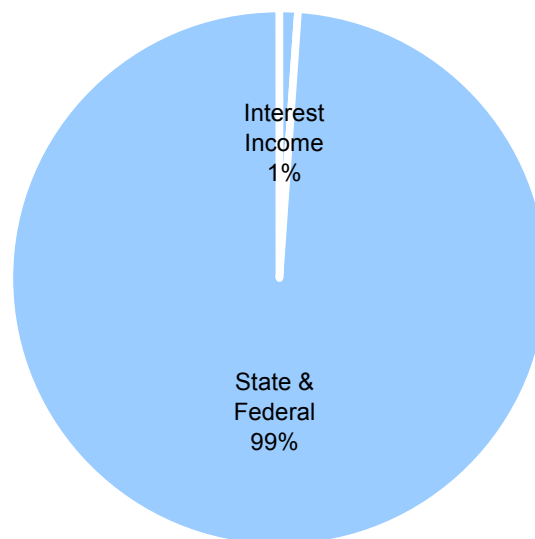


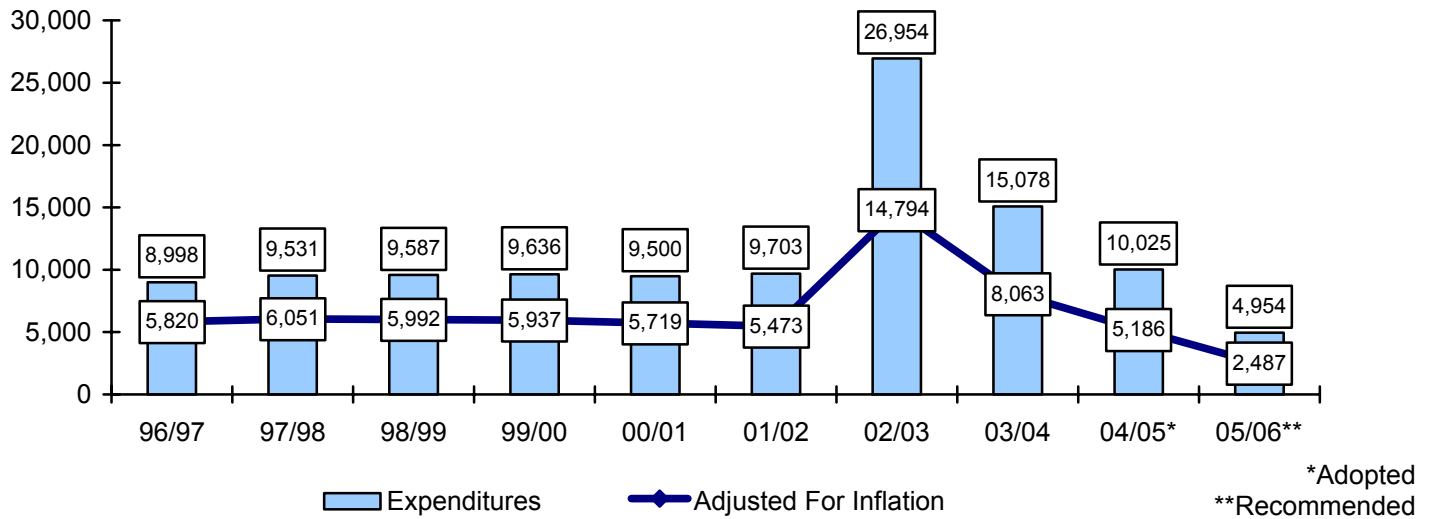
PURPOSE

The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 provides that 50 percent of the grazing fees on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land outside of organized districts be returned to the State. The California Public Resources Code requires the State's share to be distributed to counties in proportion to the grazing fees received and specifies that funds shall be expended for range improvements and control of predators. The Public Resources Code also established a Grazing Advisory Board which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is required to meet at least once annually. This Advisory Board makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relating to plans or projects for range development and predator control.

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06	2005-06
<u>Financial Summary</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Adopted</u>
Revenues	\$ 3,477	\$ 5,313	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050
Fund Balance Available	\$ 4,702	\$ (2,089)	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 262
Cancelled Reserves	4,776	7,064	0	754	754
Total Financing Sources	<u>\$ 12,955</u>	<u>\$ 10,288</u>	<u>\$ 4,200</u>	<u>\$ 4,954</u>	<u>\$ 5,066</u>
Salary and Benefits	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Services and Supplies	15,044	10,025	4,954	4,954	4,954
Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Expenditures	\$ 15,044	\$ 10,025	\$ 4,954	\$ 4,954	\$ 4,954
Contingencies	0	0	0	0	0
New Reserves	0	0	0	0	112
Total Financing Requirements	\$ 15,044	\$ 10,025	\$ 4,954	\$ 4,954	\$ 5,066

Source of Funds

10 Year Expenditures Adjusted For Inflation



SERVICE PROGRAMS

Predator Control

Provides funds to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a portion of the salary and mileage costs of a trapper employed to control predators causing animal damage on private and public rangeland.

Total Expenditures: \$4,954 Total Staffing (FTE): 0.0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This budget is funded through payments made by livestock owners to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for animal grazing on Federal lands. Half of the grazing fees are returned to the State and distributed to counties, via their Wildlife and Grazing Boards, to be used for range improvements and predator control activities.

In response to decreased revenue anticipated in FY 05/06, the Wildlife and Grazing Board, at their annual meeting on March 18, 2005, voted to reduce the amount of funding sent to the Agriculture Commissioner's Office to fund a portion of a federal trapper used for predator control activities. The Wildlife and Grazing Board voted to fund the trapper position at \$4,750, half the amount allocated in the current fiscal year. Funding sources include BLM grazing fees of \$4,000, cancellation of \$754 from reserves and a fund balance available of \$150.

After cancellation of reserves/designations, the Wildlife and Grazing fund will maintain reserves/designations of \$9,328, which will be used in future fiscal years for range improvements and predator control.

A variety of factors affect the amount of grazing fee revenue received by the County via leased BLM land. A significant factor would be the weather—the better the land is for grazing, the more animals graze and therefore, more grazing fees are returned to the County. In the event that the County receives higher than normal grazing fee revenue in FY 05/06, the Wildlife and Grazing Board will reconvene to discuss additional projects and/or increase funding for the trapper program.

BOARD ADOPTED CHANGES

None.